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Increase in Prices of Chemicals/ Insecticides

5660. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated percentage hike in the prices of chemicals due to the recent budget;

(b) whether the prices of insecticides are also proposed to be increased; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c). The prices of chemicals/insecticides are either fixed nor monitored by the Ministry.

Launching of Satellite

5661. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to launch and satellite into the orbit of the earth in near future;

(b) if so, time by which it will be launched;

(c) the total amount to be spent thereon; and

(d) the purpose of launching the satellite?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir. The satellites proposed for launch in near future are Indian Remote Sensing Satellite-IE(IRS-IE), Stretched Rohini Satellite Series-C (SROSS-C), Indian National Satellite-2A (INSAT 2A) and India National Satellite-2B (INSAT-2B). Indian Remote Sensing Satellite-B (IRS-IB) has been successfully launched on 29th August, 1991.

		Total Manufacturing cost (Approx)	*Purpose of Launch*
		Rs. 15.00 Crores	To continue satellite-based remote sensing for management of natural resources of the country in the areas of agriculture, forestry, ocean, land, water resources, fisheries, waste land mapping, drought and flood management and other natural resources.
IRS-1E	[illegible]	Rs.3.33 crores	As an experimental remote sensing satellite on board the first developmental flight of Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV).
SROSS-C	End 1991	Rs. 0.90 crores	To conduct satellite-based space science experiments using Gamma Ray Burst payload and Retarding potential Analyser.
INSAT-2A	Early 1992	RS. 125.00 crores	To continue the operational satellite services in telecommunication, TV broadcasting and meteorological data relay on a nationa-wide basis.
INSAT-2B	EARLY 1993		